# California Drug Safety Notification

**Notification Name**

## U. S. FDA Requires Fluoroquinolone Antibacterial Drug Label Update to Warn of Risk of Permanent Nerve Injury

| Notification Date | Notification Details | Notification Recommendation |
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| 08/15/13 | The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has required drug labels and Medication Guides for Levaquin (levofloxacin), Cipro (ciprofloxacin), and other fluoroquinolone antibacterial drugs to be updated with a better description of the potential serious side effect of peripheral neuropathy.<br><br>The risk is associated with fluoroquinolones taken by mouth or injection only. It is not known to be associated with the topical formulation. | *Patients should receive a Medication Guide and be advised to contact their health care professional right away if symptoms of peripheral neuropathy develop.*<br><br>*Symptomatic patients should be evaluated and potentially switched to a non-fluoroquinolone antibacterial drug.* |

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http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm365050.htm